AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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The following identified U.S. patent applications are relied upon and are incorporated by reference in this application.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/458,043 [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SEPARATING ADDRESSES FROM THE DELIVERY SCHEME IN A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0280, and~~ filed December 10, 1999 ~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/457,917 [[_____]], entitled "TRULY ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS USING SUPERNETS WITH THE PROVISION OF TOPOLOGY HIDING," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0281, and~~ filed December 10, 1999 ~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/457,889 [[_____]], entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING RELOCATION OF DEVICES ON A NETWORK," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0283, and~~ filed December 10, 1999 ~~on the same date herewith~~.

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INFRASTRUCTURE," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0285, and~~ filed <u>December 10, 1999</u>~~on the same date herewith~~.

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U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/458,040</u> [[_____]], entitled "PRIVATE NETWORK USING A PUBLIC-NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0288, and~~ filed <u>December 10, 1999</u>~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/457,914</u> [[_____]], entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING SCALABLE SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0289, and~~ filed <u>December 10, 1999</u>~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/457,915</u> [[_____]], entitled "USING MULTICASTING TO PROVIDE ETHERNET-LIKE COMMUNICATION BEHAVIOR TO SELECTED PEERS ON A NETWORK," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0290, and~~ filed <u>December 10, 1999</u>~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/457,896</u> [[_____]], entitled "ANYCASTING IN A PRIVATE NETWORK USING A PUBLIC NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE," ~~bearing attorney docket no. 06502.0291, and~~ filed <u>December 10, 1999</u>~~on the same date herewith~~.

U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/458,021</u> [[_____]], entitled "SCALABLE SECURITY ASSOCIATIONS FOR GROUPS FOR USE IN A PRIVATE NETWORK

USING A PUBLIC-NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE," ~~bearing attorney docket no.~~

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U.S. Patent Application No. <u>09/458,044</u> [[_____]], entitled "ENABLING

SIMULTANEOUS PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES," ~~bearing attorney~~

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